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HISTORY – 16th Sustainment Brigade



The 16th Sustainment Brigade was constituted Oct. 29, 1965, as the 16th Corps Support Group and activated Dec. 10, 1965, in the Dominican Republic. On Oct. 25, 1968, the unit was inactivated at Fort Benning, Ga. and re-designated Sept. 16, 1987, in Germany.

On May 1, 2002, the 16th CSG was re-aligned to include the 181st Transportation Battalion located at Turley Barracks in Mannheim, Germany, and the 485th Corps Support Battalion, located on Hutier Kaserne, to increase their combat service support capabilities.

In March of 2003, the 16th CSG and its battalions deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where it provided logistical support to include direct support maintenance, transportation and supply support to all units in the theater.

The 485th CSB established base camp operations in Kuwait and then assumed the role of convoy support operations at CSC Peterbilt and Kenworth before relocating to FLB Dogwood and finally to Al Taji Military Base before returning to Germany in 2004. Commanding and controlling over 3000 logistical Soldiers, Team 16 armed, fueled, fixed, moved and sustained Combined Joint Task Force 7 forces for a year during combat and stability operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 181st Transportation Battalion established base camp operations in Kuwait at Camp New York, Camp New Jersey, Camp Pennsylvania and Camp Udari before 'crossing the berm' into Iraq to establish convoy support operations at Cedar, Bushmaster, Dogwood, Taji and Anaconda. The battalion's assets played an important role in not only local-haul but also long-haul missions carrying every class of supply.

In addition to Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 16th CSG has also participated in operations in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Kosovo.

In January of 2007, the lineage and honors were designated to be transferred to the 16th Sustainment Brigade. On July 16, 2007, the 16th Sustainment Brigade was activated in Warner Barracks, U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg, Germany, composed of the 16th Special Troops Battalion, Bamberg; the 391st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Bamberg; and the 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Grafenwoehr.

In July of 2008, the brigade deployed to Iraq and provides sustainment, combat support, and force protection operations in supports of Multi-National Division-North through expert life support and logistical operations.

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